April 11, 2024

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session in the Hackettstown Municipal Building, 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey at 7:00 PM on April 11, 2024. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag.

Mayor DiMaio announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

1. Posting a notice of said meeting on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building;
2. Causing a notice of said meeting to be sent to the Daily Record and NJ Herald;
3. Posting notice on the Municipal website www.Hackettstown.net.
4. Furnishing a notice of said meeting to anyone requesting it in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act; and
5. Filing a notice of said meeting with the Town Clerk.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor DiMaio, Councilpersons Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

 Absent – Councilperson Becker

Mayor DiMaio presented a proclamation in recognition of Older Americans Month.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2024 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on the 2024 Municipal Budget, which was introduced on March 14, 2024.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to adopt the 2024 municipal budget.

 Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on ordinance #24-04 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $250,000.00 FOR THE FUNDING OF MADISON STREET IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, which was introduced and passed on first reading on March 14, 2024, and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record; and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that ordinance #2024-04 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL OF $250,00.00 FOR THE FUNDING OF MADISON STREET IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on ordinance #2024-05 entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY which was introduced and passed on first reading on March 14, 2024, and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record; and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that ordinance #2024-05 entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY, be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on ordinance #24-06 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $932,500.00 FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES BY THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, which was introduced and passed on first reading on March 14, 2024, and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record; and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

Brendan Gubelmann, 45 Musky Ridge Road, Hackettstown, spoke regarding pickleball courts.

Tim Krist spoke regarding pickleball courts.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) that ordinance #2024-06 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $932,500.00 FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES BY THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that Ordinance # 2024-03 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-10 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN WITH RESPECT TO METERED PARKING RATES IN THE ZONE DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE IV be introduced and passed on first reading and that a public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on

May 9, 2024; the Town Clerk to publish the ordinance together with Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and to make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that Ordinance # 2024-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4 SECTION 12-30 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN WITH RESPECT TO IMPROVEMENTS OF SIDEWALKS, be introduced and passed on first reading and that a public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on May 9, 2024; the Town Clerk to publish the ordinance together with Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and to make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

 No – Engelau

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that Ordinance # 2024-08 entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE 1 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN WITH RESPECT TO STREET OPENINGS, PENETRATION, EXCAVATION OR DISTURBANCE, be introduced and passed on first reading and that a public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on May 9, 2024; the Town Clerk to publish the ordinance together with Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and to make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Sheldon) to pay $2,000.00 for updated rates for the NJ State Health Benefits Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the taxi owner’s application for Ada Garcia for a 2012 Toyota, VIN #25TDDK3DCOCS030618 through May 1, 2025, the taxicab driver’s application for Derek Allardice through May 1, 2025 and the taxicab driver's application for Martha Allardice through May 1, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to approve raffle license #1315 for the Church of the Assumption BVM to hold an off premise 50/50.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #2024-07 in the amount of $3,089,394.99.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to authorize a request for a certified list from Civil Service for a lieutenant position.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio asked if anyone from the public would like to speak at this time.

Brendan Gubelmann, 45 Musky Ridge Road, Hackettstown, spoke regarding pickleball and the importance of recreational open spaces.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

This is to certify that the This is to certify that all

ordinances and resolutions proper notices, postings and

contained herein have been filings required by the Open

approved by me in accordance Public Meetings Act (Chapter

with law. 231, P.L. 1975) were provided

 for this meeting.

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Gerald DiMaio, Jr., Mayor P.J. Reilly, Town Clerk/Administrator